

SENATE BILL NO. 469

INTRODUCED BY D. GRIMES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY THE IMMEDIATE AND LONGER-TERM FACILITY NEEDS OF THE LEGISLATURE, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE BRANCH STAFF AND THE PUBLIC THAT INTERACTS WITH THE LEGISLATURE, AND OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT USE THE CAPITOL AND CAPITOL COMPLEX, COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE WAYS IN WHICH EXISTING FACILITIES THAT ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE RELATE TO THE LEGISLATURE'S NEEDS, AND ASSESS THE PRACTICAL AND FISCAL FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING AN ANNEX TO BE ATTACHED TO THE CAPITOL; PROVIDING GUIDELINES WITHIN WHICH THE STUDY MUST BE CONDUCTED; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE 60TH LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Capitol annex study. (1) The department of administration shall, subject to subsection (4), study the design and construction of a well-planned, highly functional, technologically flexible, aesthetically pleasing, historically consistent, and fiscally feasible capitol annex. In the context of the study, the department shall recognize the following guidelines:

(a) the nature and scope of the needs of the legislature, including legislative branch staff, other occupants of the capitol, and other entities and individuals that use the capitol, should be objectively assessed and forecasted to the year 2035 and compared and contrasted to the ways in which existing facilities that are reasonably available relate to the identified and forecasted needs;

(b) the exterior motif of the annex should closely adhere to the exterior motif of the capitol;

(c) the existing circular access drive to the central, south portico of the capitol and the parabolic access drive to the central, north portico of the capitol and the attached parking should be preserved. If parking spaces are eliminated, equivalent and, preferably, additional parking space should be provided for.

(d) the annex should provide for:

(i) office and work areas for legislators and staff;

1 (ii) meeting rooms for use by standing committees, interim committees, and subcommittees of the
2 legislature and, if not in use by the legislature, by other entities of state or local government or the public;

3 (iii) an assembly auditorium that is adequate to accommodate all but the largest conceivable public
4 hearings;

5 (iv) a cafeteria, waiting and hospitality areas, and a public cloakroom;

6 (v) at least one area in which the public has access to electronic media and information technology,
7 including the technological equivalent of a photocopy machine, a telefacsimile machine, broadband wireless
8 internet access, closed-circuit television monitors, and other amenities and facilities that are common to modern,
9 high-functioning enterprises;

10 (vi) space and facilities for the media, which space and facilities must be adequate to allow the media
11 to provide responsible coverage of legislative activities to Montana citizens and voters; and

12 (vii) other necessary rooms, facilities, areas, and spaces;

13 (e) the annex should be integrally connected to the central core of the capitol by an
14 environment-controlled corridor. If fiscally feasible, the annex should also be connected to the east or west wing
15 of the capitol and, at a lower priority, to other buildings in the capitol complex.

16 (f) if practical, vehicle parking that is adjacent to the annex and capitol should also be integrally and
17 aesthetically connected to the capitol; and

18 (g) appropriate landscaping should complement the annex.

19 (2) When completed, the study must include:

20 (a) renderings that are sufficiently detailed to provide legislators and the public a reasonably clear
21 picture of the physical appearance of the interior spaces and facilities and the exterior of the annex;

22 (b) a description of how the facilities contemplated to be contained within the annex will be integrated
23 with the capitol and with the facilities that exist within the capitol and capitol complex;

24 (c) reasonable estimates of the cost to construct the annex as contemplated and of the time necessary
25 to complete construction; and

26 (d) other components that may clarify, explain, or illustrate the plan for members of the legislature and
27 the public.

28 (3) (a) The department may consult with or seek direction from the capitol complex advisory council,
29 provided for in 2-17-803, or the legislative council, provided for in 5-11-101, on any aspect of the study.

30 (b) The department shall:

- 1 (i) provide progress reports to the legislative council as requested;
- 2 (ii) as can be inferred from the provisions of 2-17-805(2), consult with the legislative council regarding
- 3 the assignment of space in the annex;
- 4 (iii) complete the study and make a final report to the legislative council by September 15, 2006; and
- 5 (iv) submit the final report to the 60th legislature, as provided in 5-11-210.
- 6 (4) The department may conduct the study with its own resources, contract for the study, or conduct
- 7 an architectural competition.

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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